Cost escalation in the proposed public sector projects

40. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

DR, BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of public sector projects, sector-wise, which are still in the pipe line;

(b) by what percentage the cost of these projects have risen as against the original estimates and the percentage by which the cost is likely to further escalate by the time the projects are taken up for execution;

(c) which of these projects are proposed to be taken up by Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the manner in which these pro jects are proposed to be funded by-Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Planning Commission are not aware of. the various projects which are in the pipeline With different Ministries/Departments.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The project proposals of different Ministries/Departments for the Eighth Plan have not been received in the Planning Commission. The decision, regarding the mode of their funding will be taken at the time of finalisation of these projects for inclusion in the VIII Plan, which will be placed before Parliament in due courfte.

Opening of regional offices of UGC

41. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the number of universities and colleges in the country which are under the University Grants Commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a long due demand for opening of regional offices of UGC so as to facilitate the functioning of the educational institutional institutions;

(e) if so, whether the UGC has received the report of the committee constituted by it to examine the matter regarding setting up of re-gional offices of UGC in States for the purpose;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if answer to parts (c) and (d) above be in the negative, what are,; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Universities are set up by Central/State Governments through legislation. Colleges are set up by private managements, voluntary organisations or State Governments and are affiliated to the concerned University. University Grants Commission only recognises and declares universities/colleges as eligible to receive assistance under the provisions of University Grants Commission Act. According to the information furnished by UGST there are 145 universities in the country of which 102 have been declared eligible to receive its assistance and there are about 7,000 colleges in the country of which 3,811 have been declared fit for UGC assistance.